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Applicant, in accordance with his duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, hereby advises the United States Patent and Trademark Office of the references listed on the accompanying form PTO-1449 or equivalent ("Information Disclosure Statement") for the enclosed patent application for a *Health Plan Decision Support System and Method*. A copy of each of the references cited on the PTO-1449 is enclosed.

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